

**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA No. 53
BIG BEAR / FAWNSKIN**

REPORT ON AUDIT

JUNE 30, 2005

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53
Big Bear / Fawnskin
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin (CSA), a component unit of the County of San Bernardino, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the CSA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the CSA's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirement for California Special Districts. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing special districts.

The budgetary comparison information on page 23 is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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The County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin has not presented the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

Rogers, Anderson, Malady & Scott, LLP

September 16, 2005

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,074	\$ 699,967	\$ 765,041
Accounts receivable, net	-	80,202	80,202
Interest receivable	2,747	4,690	7,437
Taxes receivable	36,192	-	36,192
Capital assets, net of depreciation	197,363	1,484,796	1,682,159
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Total Assets	301,376	2,269,655	2,571,031
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LIABILITIES	-	-	-
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NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets	197,363	1,484,796	1,682,159
Unrestricted	104,013	784,859	888,872
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Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 301,376</u>	<u>\$ 2,269,655</u>	<u>\$ 2,571,031</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
EXPENSES			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 8,365	\$ 249,993	\$ 258,358
Services and supplies	587,762	128,449	716,211
Utilities	-	19,234	19,234
Depreciation	9,609	80,991	90,600
Professional fees	-	181,272	181,272
Intergovernmental expense	24,444	-	24,444
Other	6,506	1,312	7,818
Total Program Expenses	<u>636,686</u>	<u>661,251</u>	<u>1,297,937</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES			
Charges for services	-	569,048	569,048
Net Program Expense	<u>(636,686)</u>	<u>(92,203)</u>	<u>(728,889)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES			
Property taxes	536,905	1,116	538,021
Other taxes	30,104	-	30,104
State assistance	10,372	-	10,372
Investment earnings	5,907	16,937	22,844
Penalties	-	5,948	5,948
Other	-	11,629	11,629
Total General Revenues	<u>583,288</u>	<u>35,630</u>	<u>618,918</u>
Change in Net Assets	(53,398)	(56,573)	(109,971)
Net Assets - beginning	<u>354,774</u>	<u>2,326,228</u>	<u>2,681,002</u>
Net Assets - ending	<u><u>\$ 301,376</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,269,655</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,571,031</u></u>

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005**

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND <u>Fire (SJS)</u>	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND <u>Streetlights (SJP)</u>	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,031	\$ 3,043	\$ 65,074
Interest receivable	2,747	-	2,747
Taxes receivable	<u>35,764</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>36,192</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 100,542</u>	<u>\$ 3,471</u>	<u>\$ 104,013</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:			
Unreserved			
Undesignated	<u>100,542</u>	<u>3,471</u>	<u>104,013</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>100,542</u>	<u>3,471</u>	104,013
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 100,542</u>	<u>\$ 3,471</u>	

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (Exhibit A) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

	<u>197,363</u>
Net assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 301,376</u>

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County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND	Total
	Fire (SJS)	Streetlights (SJP)	Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 519,548	\$ 17,357	\$ 536,905
Other taxes	29,746	358	30,104
State assistance	10,249	123	10,372
Investment earnings	5,901	6	5,907
Total Revenues	<u>565,444</u>	<u>17,844</u>	<u>583,288</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	3,990	4,375	8,365
Services and supplies	578,442	9,320	587,762
Other	6,429	77	6,506
Total Expenditures	<u>588,861</u>	<u>13,772</u>	<u>602,633</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(23,417)</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>(19,345)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(24,417)	(27)	(24,444)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(24,417)</u>	<u>(27)</u>	<u>(24,444)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(47,834)	4,045	(43,789)
Fund Balances - beginning	<u>148,376</u>	<u>(574)</u>	<u>147,802</u>
Fund Balances - ending	<u><u>\$ 100,542</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,471</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 104,013</u></u>

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County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(43,789)
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures in the year an asset is purchased. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$9,609) exceeded capital outlay (\$-0-) in the current period.		(9,609)
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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 10px;">(53,398)</div>
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County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2005

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Sewer</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 699,967
Accounts receivable, net	80,202
Interest receivable	4,690
	<u>784,859</u>
Total Current Assets	
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Improvement to land	3,518,308
Equipment	14,461
Vehicles	13,307
Construction in progress	78,826
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,140,106)</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>1,484,796</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,269,655</u>
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets	1,484,796
Unrestricted	<u>784,859</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 2,269,655</u></u>

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County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Sewer</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Sanitation services	\$ 538,256
Permit and inspection fees	2,455
Connection fees	7,951
Other services	5,140
Total Operating Revenues	<u>553,802</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Professional fees	181,272
Salaries and benefits	249,993
Services and supplies	128,449
Utilities	19,234
Depreciation	80,991
Other	1,312
Total Operating Expenses	<u>661,251</u>
Operating (Loss)	<u>(107,449)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Property taxes	1,116
Special assessments	15,246
Investment earnings	16,937
Penalties	5,948
Other	11,629
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>50,876</u>
Change in Net Assets	(56,573)
Total Net Assets - beginning	<u>2,326,228</u>
Total Net Assets - ending	<u><u>\$ 2,269,655</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Enterprise Fund
	Sewer
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 546,590
Payments to suppliers	(333,192)
Payments to employees	(249,993)
Net Cash (Used For) Operating Activities	(36,595)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Property taxes	1,116
Special assessments	15,246
Penalties	5,948
Other nonoperating revenues	11,629
Net Cash Provided By Noncapital Financing Activities	33,939
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Investment earnings	15,297
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	15,297
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,641
Cash and Cash Equivalents Balance - beginning of the year	687,326
Cash and Cash Equivalents Balance - ending of the year	<u>\$ 699,967</u>
Reconciliation of operating (loss) to net (used for) operating activities:	
Operating (loss)	\$ (107,449)
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash (used for) operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	80,991
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable, net	(7,212)
Decrease in accounts payable	(2,925)
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	<u>\$ (36,595)</u>

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
June 30, 2005**

ASSETS

Cash and investments	<u>\$ 12,358</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 12,358</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Due to bondholders	<u>\$ 12,358</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 12,358</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting entity

The County Service Area (CSA) No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin is a special district located within the County of San Bernardino. The District has governmental powers as established by the San Bernardino County Government Charter. The County of San Bernardino (the County) was established in 1852 as a legal subdivision of the State of California.

The CSA was established by an act of the Board of Supervisors of the County (Board) on January 2, 1968 with the active powers of fire (inspection, suppression, protection, first aid, and rescue) sewer (collection and disposal), water, road (maintenance and improvements), and street lighting. Currently, the governmental reporting entity consists of fire and sewer services to the community of Fawnskin, and street lighting to the north shore of Big Bear Lake.

The CSA is a component unit of the County of San Bernardino and is governed by the action of the county Board of Supervisors.

The accompanying financial statements reflect only the accounts of the County Service Area No. 53 – Big Bear / Fawnskin of the County of San Bernardino and are not intended to present the financial position of the County taken as a whole.

Because the CSA meets the reporting entity criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the CSA's financial statements have also been included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the County as a "component unit" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (e.g., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the reporting entity. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. *Governmental activities* normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting* as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. However, for revenue derived from voluntary non-exchange transactions, such as taxes and federal and state grants, the County expanded its definition of "available" to 9 months. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes are considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues in the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The *special revenue fund* labeled "Fire" provides fire protection services to the community of Fawnskin.

The government reports the following major proprietary fund:

The *enterprise fund*, labeled "sewer" accounts for the activities of the CSA, a blended component unit of the County. The CSA operates the sewer services in the community of Fawnskin.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the District's enterprise fund is charges to customers for sanitation services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of salaries and benefits, services and supplies, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Deposits and investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demands deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables and payables

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (e.g., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (e.g., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances." All accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles when applicable.

The \$80,202 accounts receivable balance is the Sewer Enterprise Fund at June 30, 2005 is net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$16,542.

Property taxes

Secured property taxes are levied in two equal installments, November 1 and February 1. They become delinquent with penalties on December 10 and April 10, respectively. The lien date is January 1 of each year. Unsecured property taxes are due on the March 1, lien date and become delinquent with penalties on August 31.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Inventories and prepaid items

Inventories, if any, are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out method. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Fund equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (for improvements to land and structures and equipment) and have an estimated useful life in excess of one (1) year. Structures with an initial cost of \$100,000 are considered capital assets. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset life is not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Structures & improvements	5 - 45
Equipment and vehicles	6 - 15
Utility plant in service	45

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stewardship, compliance and accountability

A. Budgetary information

In accordance with provisions of Section 29000 - 29143 of the Government code of the State of California, commonly known as the County Budget Act, the CSA prepares and adopts a budget on or before August 30 for each fiscal year.

Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is the object level and the sub-object level for capital assets within each fund.

Amendments or transfers of appropriations between funds or departments must be approved by the Board. Transfers at the sub-object level or cost center level may be done at the discretion of the Special District's Administration Department head. Any deficiency of budgeted revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses is financed by beginning available fund balances as provided for in the County Budget Act.

B. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders, contracts) outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

NOTE 2: CASH AND DEPOSITS

Cash and cash equivalents includes the cash balance of monies deposited with the County Treasurer which are pooled and invested for the purpose of increasing earnings through investment activities. Interest earned on pooled investments is deposited to the District's account based upon the District's average daily deposit balance during the allocation period. Cash and cash equivalents are shown at the fair value as of June 30, 2005.

See the County of San Bernardino's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for details of their investment policy and disclosures related to investment credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and custodial credit risk, as required by GASB Statement No. 40.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 53 - Big Bear / Fawnskin
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005

NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 2005, the accounts receivable were composed of the following:

	<u>Sewer</u>
Accounts	\$ 96,744
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	<u>(16,542)</u>
Net Total Accounts Receivable	<u><u>\$ 80,202</u></u>

NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 155,395	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,395
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>155,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,395</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements to land	6,781	-	-	6,781
Structures and improvements	62,223	-	-	62,223
Equipment	5,103	-	-	5,103
Vehicles	492,873	-	-	492,873
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>566,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>566,980</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements to land	(4,964)	(84)	-	(5,048)
Structures and improvements	(43,205)	(583)	-	(43,788)
Equipment	(4,479)	(340)	-	(4,819)
Vehicles	(462,755)	(8,602)	-	(471,357)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(515,403)</u>	<u>(9,609)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(525,012)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>51,577</u>	<u>(9,609)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,968</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 206,972</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (9,609)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 197,363</u></u>

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NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 78,826	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,826
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	78,826	-	-	78,826
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Utility plant in service	3,518,308	-	-	3,518,308
Equipment	14,461	-	-	14,461
Vehicles	13,307	-	-	13,307
Total capital assets, being depreciated	3,546,076	-	-	3,546,076
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Utility plant in service	(2,046,998)	(78,184)	-	(2,125,182)
Equipment	(9,160)	(589)	-	(9,749)
Vehicles	(2,957)	(2,218)	-	(5,175)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,059,115)	(80,991)	-	(2,140,106)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	1,486,961	(80,991)	-	1,405,970
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$1,565,787</u>	<u>\$ (80,991)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,484,796</u>

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan description

The San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) operating under the California County Employees Retirement Act of 1937 (1937 Act). It provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to members. Although legally established as a single employer plan, the City of Big Bear Lake, the City of Chino Hills, the California State Association of Counties, the San Bernardino County Law Library, Crest Forest Fire Protection District, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (the AQMD), were later included, along with the County of San Bernardino (the County), and are collectively referred to as the "Participating Members." The Plan is governed by the San Bernardino Board of Retirement under the 1937 Act. Employees become eligible for membership on their first day of regular employment and become fully vested after 5 years. SBCERA issues a stand-alone financial report, which may be obtained by contacting the Board of Retirement, 348 W. Hospitality Lane - 3rd floor, San Bernardino, California 92415-0014.

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NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Fiduciary responsibility

The Retirement Association is controlled by its own board, the Retirement Board, which acts as a fiduciary agent for the accounting and control of member and employee contributions and investment income. The Retirement Association publishes its own Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and receives a separate independent audit. The Retirement Association is also a legally separate entity from the County and not a component unit. For these reasons, the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report excludes the Retirement Association pension trust fund as of June 30, 2005.

Funding policy

Participating members are required by statute (Sections 31621, 31621.2 and 31639.25 of the California Government Code) to contribute a percentage of covered salary based on certain actuarial assumptions and their age at entry to the Plan. Employee contribution rates vary according to age and classification (general or safety). Members are required to contribute 8.37% - 12.28% for general members and 10.23% - 14.24% for safety members, of their annual covered salary of which the County pays approximately 7%. County of San Bernardino employer contribution rates are as follows: County General 8.44%, County Safety 18.01%. All employers combined are required to contribute 14.01% of the current year covered payroll. For 2005, the County's annual pension cost of \$141,450,000 was equal to the County's required and actual contributions. Employee contribution rates are established and may be amended pursuant to Articles 6 and 6.8 of the 1937 Act. Employer rates are determined pursuant to Sections 31453 of the 1937 Act.

The County's annual pension cost and prepaid asset, computed in accordance with *GASB 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers*, for the year ended June 30, 2005, were as follows (in thousands):

Annual Required Contribution (County fiscal year basis)	\$ 141,450
Interest on Pension Assets	(34,779)
Adjustment to the Annual Required Contribution	38,135
Annual Pension Cost	144,806
Annual Contributions Made	141,450
Increase/(Decrease) in Pension Assets	(3,356)
Pension Assets, Beginning of Year (As Restated)	848,238
Pension Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 844,882</u>

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NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

The following table shows the County's required contributions and percentage contributed, for the current year and two preceding years:

Year Ended June 30,	Annual Contributions Made (in thousands)		Percentage Contributed
	SBCERA	County	
2003	\$ 68,361	\$ 59,673	100%
2004	\$ 652,325	\$ 540,106	100%
2005	\$ 161,906	\$ 141,450	100%

The County, along with the AQMD, issued Pension Refunding Bonds (the Bonds) in November 1995 with an aggregate amount of \$420,527,000. These Bonds were issued to allow the County and the AQMD to refinance each of their unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities with respect to retirement benefits for their respective employees. The Bonds are the obligations of the employers participating in the Plan and the assets of the Plan do not secure the Bonds. The County's portion of the bond issuance was \$386,266,000. The current amount outstanding at June 30, 2005 is \$439,539,000.

On June 24, 2004, the County issued its County of San Bernardino Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 A (Fixed Rate Bonds), its County of San Bernardino Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 B (Auction Rate Bonds), and its County of San Bernardino Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 C (Index Bonds) in respective aggregate principal amounts of \$189,070,000, \$149,825,000, and \$125,000,000. The Bonds were issued to finance the County's share of the unfunded accrued actuarial liability of the SBCERA. The current amount outstanding at June 30, 2005 is \$463,895,000.

NOTE 6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The CSA is insured through the County's self-insurance programs for public liability, property damage, unemployment insurance, employee dental insurance, hospital and medical malpractice liability, and workers' compensation claims. Public liability claims are self-insured for up to \$1 million per occurrence. Excess insurance coverage over the Self-Insured Retention (SIR) up to \$25 million is provided through a Risk Pool Agreement with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Excess Insurance Authority (EIA) Liability Program II. Workers' compensation claims are self-insured up to \$2 million per occurrence, and covered by CSAC EIA for up to \$10 million for employer's liability, and up to \$50 million for workers' compensation per occurrence. Property damage claims are insured on an occurrence basis over a \$25,000 deductible, and insured with CSAC EIA Property Program.

The County supplements its self-insurance for medical malpractice claims with CSAC EIA, which provides annual coverage on a claim made form basis with a SIR of \$1 million for each claim. Maximum coverage under the policy is \$11.5 million per claim with an additional \$10 million in limits provided by the CSAC EIA General Liability II Program.

All public officials and County employees are insured under a blanket Comprehensive Disappearance, Destruction, and Dishonesty policy covering County monies and securities, also with CSAC EIA with a \$100,000 deductible, and excess limits up to \$10 million per occurrence.

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NOTE 6: RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The activities related to such programs are accounted for in the Risk Management Fund (an Internal Service Fund) except for unemployment insurance, and employee dental insurance, which are accounted for in the General Fund. The IBNR and IBNS liabilities stated on the Risk Management Fund's balance sheet are based upon the results of actuarial studies, and include amounts for allocated and unallocated loss adjustment expenses. The liabilities for these claims are reported using a discounted rate of 3.50%. It is the County's practice to obtain actuarial studies on an annual basis.

The County has a risk management investment program agreement with the Bank of New York to finance the self-insured general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, and medical malpractice programs. The County's investment in the agreement totaled \$47.3 million at June 30, 2005.

The total claims liability of \$115.7 million reported at June 30, 2005 is based on the requirements of *GASB Statement No. 10, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Changes in the claims liability amount in fiscal years 2004 and 2005 were:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Fiscal Year Liability (in thousands)	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates (in thousands)	Claims Payments (in thousands)	End of Fiscal Year Liability (in thousands)
2003 - 2004	\$ 93,802	\$ 45,128	\$ (37,221)	\$ 101,709
2004 - 2005	\$ 101,709	\$ 44,309	\$ (30,304)	\$ 115,714

NOTE 7: FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

From time to time the CSA may receive funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantors cannot be determined at this time, although the CSA expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 8: PROPOSITION 111 APPROPRIATION LIMITS

Proposition 111, which added Article XIIIB to the State Constitution, established limits on budget appropriations in order to restrict government spending. We have reviewed the proceeds of taxes received by the District during the 2004-2005 fiscal year, and have found the revenue to be within the guidelines established by Proposition 111.

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NOTE 9: REFUNDING OF 1915 ACT BONDS

The CSA issued bonds under the Improvement Act of 1915 to finance certain sewer improvements. There were no outstanding Special Assessment Bonds at June 30, 2005. Cash and cash equivalents in reserve funds at June 30, 2005 totaled \$12,358.

Disposition of the reserve funds will be determined by the Board of Supervisors during the next fiscal year.

NOTE 10: CONTINGENCIES

As of June 30, 2005, in the opinion of the CSA Administration, there are no outstanding matters, which would have a significant effect on the financial position of the CSA.

Required Supplementary Information
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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Special Revenue Fund (Fire)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Special Revenue Fund			
	Fire (SJS)			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 513,310	\$ 513,310	\$ 519,548	\$ 6,238
Other taxes	-	-	29,746	29,746
State assistance	-	-	10,249	10,249
Investment earnings	2,500	2,500	5,901	3,401
Total Revenues	515,810	515,810	565,444	49,634
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries and benefits	3,990	3,990	3,990	-
Services and supplies	612,413	612,413	578,442	33,971
Other	-	-	6,429	(6,429)
Reserves and contingencies	25,568	25,568	-	25,568
Total Expenditures	641,971	641,971	588,861	53,110
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(126,161)	(126,161)	(23,417)	102,744
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer out	(24,417)	(24,417)	(24,417)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(24,417)	(24,417)	(24,417)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (150,578)</u>	<u>\$ (150,578)</u>	(47,834)	<u>\$ 102,744</u>
Fund Balance - beginning			148,376	
Fund Balance - ending			\$ 100,542	